

# Fasting

*A study of Scriptures (KJV) and quotations from Rev. William Marrion Branham*

## **JUDGES 20:26**

26. *Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.*

## **EZRA 8:21**

21. *Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.*

## **NEHEMIAH 9:1**

1. *Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.*

## **JOEL 1:14**

14. *Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD,*

## FORMER AND LATTER RAIN [60-0303]

God deals with Gentiles as individuals, Israel as a nation.

## THE LAODICEAN CHURCH AGE [60-1211E]

He deals with us as individuals, it's His bouquet that He'll put on His altar. But as the Jews, He always dealt with Israel as a nation, they are a nation of people, His nation.

## TURNING NORTHWARD [61-0129]

You're an individual. God dealt with Israel as a nation, you and I as individuals.

## THE END TIME SIGN SEED [62-0319]

Now, God deals with the Gentiles for a Bride, one here, and one there. But He deals with the Jews as a nation, not as a individual, as a nation.

## THE SIXTH SEAL [63-0323]

Remember, He deals with Israel as a nation always. It's the nation of Israel. The Gentiles as individuals...

#### THE FIRST SEAL [63-0318]

He deals with Israel as a nation, Gentile as an individual

#### TESTIMONY - RAISING DEAD BOY [53-1203]

Usually in a fast I never feel hungry. **If you feel hungry, it's time to eat.** That's right. Jesus afterwards was hungry. You see? But **if you're hungry, it's time to eat.**

#### ENTICING SPIRITS [55-0724]

Stop it! There's nothing in the Word tells you to have a forty-day fast. Not a thing. **There's nothing in the world telling you to fast, 'less God would tell you. If you fast, you ain't going to get hungry,** and go all these things. As you are fasting, brother, you'll be joy and happy all the time.

Said, "Don't appear before men like hypocrites do, with a long, sad face. 'I'm on a forty-day fast. My plates won't fit me anymore. I've lost thirty pounds, and they told me I look better after this is over.'" **Oh, nonsense! It's enticing spirits of the devil.**

#### THE INTER VEIL [56-0121]

I believe in fasting. Certainly. But **when you fast, you don't hunger.** Jesus after He had got through fasting, the Bible said, He was hungry. **God puts a fast on you. You don't put it on yourself.**

#### WHY? [61-0125]

**You never want to fast until you're led to fast. Then if you get hungry, it's time to eat.** "Afterwards Jesus was afterwards an hungered." Some of this saying, these people fasting and say, "I'm going to fast forty days," and the false teeth falling out and losing weight, and... My, **you better stop that. You wait till God leads you to do that on those things. Be led of the Spirit.**

#### WHY? [61-0125]

Just because somebody else done it, that's no sign that you're supposed to do it. **Let God lead you to do what you're doing. If you're led to, when you get hungry, it's time to eat. When God puts a fast on you, you don't get hungry. It's God dealing with you.**

#### GO AWAKE JESUS [63-1130E]

**Three days is the longest I ever fasted in my life.**